

DINO TURTLE LIVES ON FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY

FORTY-YEAR-OLD CEMENT CREATURE RECEIVES NEW HOME

THIS RARE, ONE-OF-A-KIND prehistoric animal, affectionately named “Dino Turtle,” first appeared in Bloomington in 1968 with the completion of Reservoir Park on 82nd Street and Penn Avenue.

Dino Turtle arrived around the same time as the recreational equipment and sundial that were located in the park at the top of two 10-million-gallon underground water tanks. The play equipment and sundial were removed for security reasons during the past few years and Dino Turtle was the last item to leave the park. The 1500-pound turtle was recently relocated to the

southeastern shore of Overlook Pond, near 4600 Overlook Drive.

Residents like John Kylo, who grew up playing at Reservoir Park, can still enjoy seeing the creature near the water, a more appropriate setting for a half-dinosaur, half-turtle.

Kylo said that his son also enjoys Dino Turtle. *See photo right.*

“When we saw that Dino Turtle was being moved, my son worried that he might not survive. We were very happy to learn that he had just been relocated,” Kylo said. “Now we can see him whenever we want.”



THE RESULTS ARE IN!

RESIDENTS AND CRITICS GIVE *BRIEFING* HIGH MARKS

BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS RECEIVE their City news and information from the *Briefing*, according a recent reader survey. More than 270 people responded to the survey that was offered in print and online in April and May.

When asked about sources of information, 92 percent of respondents said the *Briefing* was their most common source for City news, followed by the *Bloomington Sun-Current*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and the City of Bloomington’s website.

“I really enjoy the [*Briefing*]. I read it cover-to-cover each time it comes,” commented one resident. “I like reading about how the City is doing financially and what opportunities are out there for me to enjoy.”

The *Briefing* is also beneficial to Bloomington residents. More than 87 percent of survey respondents said the newsletter was “very valuable” or “valuable” as a communications tool. “This is great communication to city residents and I appreciate all that it contains,” commented one survey respondent. “I clip out events for the family and it’s a good summary of what’s going on in the city.”

When asked about the newsletter’s features, 99 percent of respondents said “Upcoming events” was among the features they liked most, followed by “Development updates,” “Recycling and environmental news” and “Parks, recreation and arts.” Residents also cited history spotlights as favorite features.

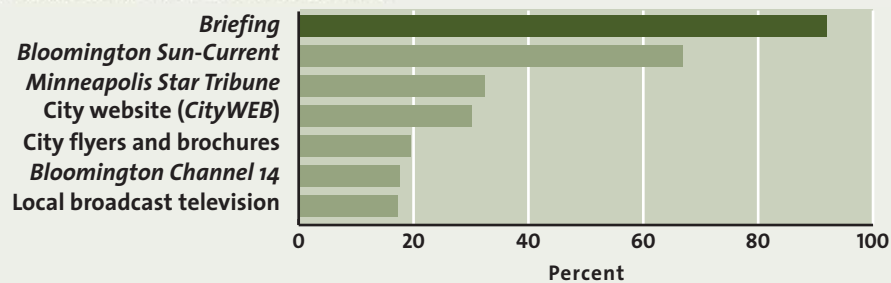
Of those who responded to the survey, 89 percent said the present frequency (six times per year) and size (8 - 12 pages) were preferred.

Many survey respondents had suggestions for features they would like to see added, including neighborhood spotlights, volunteer opportunities and more information for seniors. Communications staff will consider all of the comments and suggestions and use the feedback to make improvements to the *Briefing*.

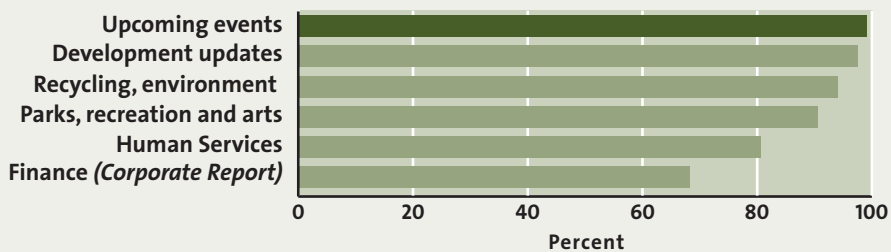
For more information, call Communications Administrator Janine Hill at 952-563-8819.

Thank you for your feedback!

SOURCE OF CITY INFORMATION



MOST POPULAR FEATURES



Respondents were allowed to select more than one answer, therefore totals exceed 100 percent.

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LET’S RENDEZVOUS

A FESTIVAL OF LIVING HISTORY IN BLOOMINGTON

RIVER RENDEZVOUS is a unique opportunity to see our rich past come alive. The event will be held at Pond-Dakota Mission Park, 401 East 104th Street, on **Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** This year’s festivities feature music, dance and 15 new demonstrator stations where you can learn about early trades and crafts, Native American history, the fur trade and pioneer life.




For more information, call Parks and Recreation or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Rendezvous.



BLOOMINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORY LESSONS AT OLD TOWN HALL

IF YOU LIKE HISTORY, you won’t want to miss these upcoming Bloomington Historical Society events:

-  **The Civil War**
August 16, 2 p.m.
-  **Henry David Thoreau – His Journey to Minnesota**
September 13, 2 p.m.
-  **Minnesota Barns**
September 27, 2 p.m.

All Historical Society programs take place at Old Town Hall, 10200 Penn Avenue South. For more information, call the Bloomington Historical Society at 952-881-4327.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON *BRIEFING*, AUGUST 2009



AWARD WINNING CITY WINS BIG IN STATEWIDE COMPETITION

THE CITY WAS a winner at this year’s Minnesota

Association of Government Communicator’s Northern Lights Awards Contest. Bloomington was presented with an award for all six categories entered, including four Awards of Excellence for the special event, *Bloomington Sesquicentennial Celebration 1858 - 2008*; annual report, *Corporate Report to the Community 2008*; website, *CityWEB* for its Sesquicentennial redesign and internal newsletter, *Insider*. The *Briefing* received an Award of Merit, as did *Bloomington: Where the Water Touches the Bluffs*, a Sesquicentennial edition video.

The City was also nominated for “Best of Show” awards for both the *Sesquicentennial Celebration* and the *Corporate Report to the Community*.

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